

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Frederick L. Ross  
Serial No.: 09/865,470  
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Group No.: 3627  
Examiner: Maria Teresa T. Thein  
Confirmation No.: 2938  
Title: LOCAL RETURNS OF REMOTELY PURCHASED  
MERCHANDISE WITH RETURN CODE  
VALIDATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

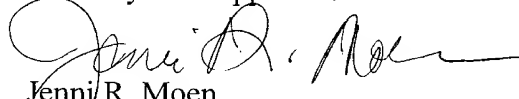
**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

Please advise of the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal and Pre Appeal Brief Request for Review on July 3, 2006 in response to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated June 7, 2006. Applicant is currently awaiting a decision from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

If there are any matters that can be resolved through a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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